

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. John Olver (D-First District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a \$125,000 grant to the Athol School District for a community policing program.

The grant will be used to hire a school resource officer who will work closely with teachers, administrators, and police to address safety concerns in the school.

Congressman Olver said, "By offering federal funding and resources directly to local police departments, we can help them better serve their communities and protect our schools."

Many police chiefs, sheriffs, and criminal justice experts have credited community policing efforts with reducing crime and improving public safety.

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